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August 4, 2005

Mr. Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street, NW, Suite 700  
Washington, DC 20423-0001

**RE: STB Docket No. AB-490-1-X**  
**Greenville County Economic Development Corporation**  
**Petition for Exemption for Partial Discontinuance and Partial Abandonment in**  
**Greenville County, SC.**

Bleachery Road Warehouse, LLC (BRW) herein submits its notice of intent to participate and hereby requests to be placed on the Board's service list on all issues concerning the aforementioned Rail Line.

This line runs through approximately 40 acres of property which BRW or a sister corporation owns and/or controls. There are several buildings with approximately 100,000 square feet or warehouse/manufacturing space on this property. The property is currently used for distribution of Liquor distribution through Aardvark Beverage LLC, wood/hardware distribution and warehousing through Carolina Distribution, LLC.

Without question, the rail line running though our property creates a nuisance, and makes it difficult for us to effectively use and enjoy our property. It is our belief, however, that the access to rail service more than offsets this nuisance. Moreover, the industrial use of rail dose not invite access to our property by the general public.

We have had several opportunities to use empty space and create jobs if rail service was available. While it was our understanding that Greenville County has been obligated to provide said service, and while Greenville County has, though its actions and statements, lead us to believe that they were working to reinstate said service, such service has not been available for several years to the detriment of the business community.

The discontinuance of service clearly has placed and continues to place a hardship on several business as well as the communities located along the track leaving a trail of unused or underused industrial infrastructure along its overgrown path.

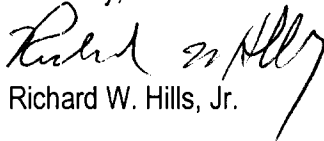
Moreover, while the reinstatement of service would be of greatest benefit to us and the community, if the rail service is not to be reinstated, the rail right-of-way should be terminated without further delay and the full and exclusive use of our land returned.

The national and private security risk of access of our industrial site to the general public is most alarming and troubling. Without question, it would pose serious problems to our business and community and cause substantial damages to our business. Access to rail service is very different than public access to TTB controlled and food chain warehouses which, in addition, may be involved in some processing or manufacturing process.

In summary, failure of Greenville County to meet its obligation to operate the subject rail line continues to place a hardship on the community. Moreover, while not living up to the promise of rail service has caused significant damage already, the opening our property to the general public would be devastating and would expose our community and our nation to unnecessary risk. Hence, if rail service can not be reinstated, the land should be returned to the owners without delay.

If you have any further questions, or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

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Richard W. Hills, Jr.

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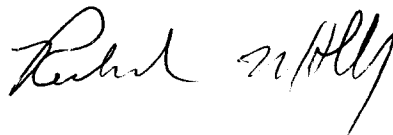
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## **Certification of Service**

I, Richard W. Hills Jr., hereby certify that the following parties of record have been sent via U.S.  
Mail a full copy of the enclosed documents.

- Hawkins, Steven C.  
Western Carolina Railway Service Corporation  
P.O. Box 16614  
Greenville, SC 29606-7614
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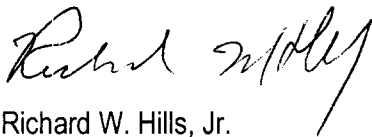
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## **VERIFICATION STATEMENT**

I, Richard W. Hills, Jr., declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.  
Further, I certify that I am qualified and authorized to file this pleading.

Executed on August 4, 2005

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Richard W. Hills, Jr.  
Member